

**PHASE IV DEBRIS REMOVAL SURVEY**  
**Preliminary Environmental Unit Review**

Waterway: Blind River, 7102

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**Checklist of Environmental Factors** – Assess the potential for impacts to the following resources/areas and coordinate as necessary:

- ☐ Habitat/environmental sensitivity
- ☒ Threatened/endangered species *Manatees + rare raptor may be present - avoid these animals during activities.*
- ☐ Cultural/historical resources
- ☐ Oyster habitat
- ☐ State/federal/tribal lands
- ☒ Scenic waterway *Prevent impacts to this waterway during activities.*

**Summary and Conclusions of Environmental Review:**

Habitat/environmental sensitivity: River is surrounded by forested wetland/bottom land hardwood and scrub/shrub wetland. Limit travel to open water.

Threatened/endangered species: A rare raptor may be present in the forest near the river mouth at Lake Maurepas. Nesting season is October to May. Avoid impacts by staying away from pine tree stands. The federally listed endangered West Indian manatee has been regularly reported as present within the Blind River. Avoid impacts to manatees by limiting speed and careful observation to prevent collisions.

Cultural/historical resources: No known resources at this time.

Oyster habitat: None present in waterway.

State/federal/tribal lands: None appear in the survey area.

Scenic waterway: The Blind River is a scenic river from its origin in St. James Parish to its entrance in Lake Maurepas. Removal operations on this river will require additional coordination with LDWF.